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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 18

Introduced by Assembly Member Leno

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January 28, 2003

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 18—Relative to Spay Day USA 2003.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 18, as amended, Leno. Spay Day USA 2003.

This measure would declare February 25, 2003, to be Spay Day USA 2003, and would request that Californians observe that day by having their dogs or cats spayed or neutered or by contributing to organizations that provide spay or neuter services.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Between six and 10 million dogs and cats are
- 2 euthanized in the United States each year; and

1 WHEREAS, In most instances these are young, attractive,
2 healthy, friendly, and playful animals that are euthanized simply
3 because there are not enough good homes for them; and

4 WHEREAS, An additional unknown number of animals die
5 each year due to abandonment, neglect, abuse, starvation, or
6 cruelty because they are unwanted; and

7 WHEREAS, The spaying and neutering of dogs and cats
8 directly addresses these problems by reducing the number of
9 unwanted animals; and

10 WHEREAS, Californians can contribute to this effort by
11 spaying and neutering their own pets and by supporting programs
12 in their communities that offer spay and neuter services; and

13 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, humane societies, and national and
14 local animal protection organizations will join together to
15 advocate the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats on “Spay Day
16 USA 2003,” now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
19 declares February 25, 2003, to be Spay Day USA 2003 and that
20 Californians are requested to observe the day by having their dogs
21 or cats spayed or neutered or by contributing to those organizations
22 that provide spay and neuter services, and that California
23 veterinarians are requested to work with animal shelters and rescue
24 groups that provide spay and neuter services; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
26 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

